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TO : Acting Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 10 March 1958

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report -- February 1958

ADMINISTRATION

1. The number of personnel charged against ceiling as of 28 February was [REDACTED]

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2. The following were assigned to the DD/P on rotation basis: [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] transferred from OSI to replace [REDACTED] resigned, as Administrative Assistant, JPRS/NY, 28 February 1958.

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4. Arrangements were completed, with the Security Office approval, for direct transmittal [REDACTED] from the Government Printing Offices to CIA, and other government agencies, thus relieving [REDACTED] task of "middle man." STATSPEC

5. The FDD reorganization plan is in the hands of Position Evaluation Division, having by-passed Management Staff because of grade structure proposals. Classification experts are expected to make job studies in the near future.

6. Security refresher lectures have been held in [REDACTED] each Thursday during February and will continue until all FDD personnel have been briefed.

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7. Chief, FDD, prepared a briefing paper for Contact Division on the Russian translation situation vis-a-vis press and radio accusations and criticism of government lethargy. The paper presented facts for use of Contact Division field office personnel.

8. With Fiscal Division cooperation, the Division arranged for issuances of Income Tax Forms 1099 [REDACTED] covering their 1957 receipts.

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9. Countering a newspaper's report that "CIA wants to get out of this translation business," a letter stating CIA's position on the translation of Russian publications was written to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Domestic Affairs and signed by the DDCI.

OPERATIONS

1. On 3 February, a special meeting of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications reviewed and approved a proposed DCID covering this Committee's field.

At the 91st regular meeting of the Subcommittee on 7 February the review of the Western World program was completed. The meeting was adjourned sine die pending issuance of the new DCID.

2. The DD/I approved unclassified issuances of twelve FDD reports. Following conferences between Mr. John C. Green, Director, Office of Technical Services, Department of Commerce and Chief, FDD, it was decided to limit such issuances to six, pro tem, lacking supplementary distribution facilities for others. Those selected:

"Scientific Information Report"
"Activities in the Arctic and Antarctic"
"Report on USSR Production of Industrial Equipment"
"Transportation, Communication and Electric Power in the USSR"
"Data on USSR Extractive Industries"

The "Soviet Bloc IGY Information Report," a sixth of the

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The "Consolidated Translation Survey" for February appeared in an unclassified edition, plus a CONFIDENTIAL issuance, with the customary NOFORN supplement.

3. At least \$16,000 was saved government when references to the OTS Index prevented 4,330 pages of duplication during February.

4. Extra-CIA liaison during the month included planning with OTS, Commerce, on their projected OTS scientific-technical translation clearing house; discussions with Department of State on expansion of Indonesian coverage; and speedy supply of information on the Yugoslav military industry for Army Ordnance Intelligence Agency.

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6. Commendations received included those from OTR for personnel who assisted in making a training film; from OCI for a year of significant contributions in "Survey of the Soviet Press"; from OTS, Department of Commerce, for the assistance of [redacted] at the Philadelphia conference of indexing and abstracting; from State Department for the service of [redacted] at a meeting of the North Pacific Fur Seal Commission; from Medical Division, OSI, for response to its crash requirement on Sino-Soviet orbit medical aid to foreign nations.

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7. A new monthly FDD Summary, "Urban Development in the USSR" was launched during February. This report contains information of value in drawing up or revising city plans. [redacted]

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8. Outstanding reports:

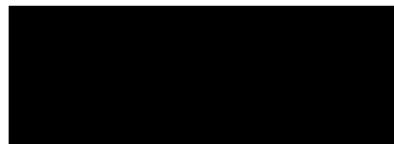
FDD Summary 1677 -- "Rumanian Foreign Trade Statistics"; figures gathered from yearbooks of other satellites; first of kind available.

FDD Summary 1625 -- "Organization of the Yugoslav Army"; Army ACSI office terms this "most complete information available."

FDD Summary 1692 -- Contains item from Polish weekly defending Lukacs against East German and Hungarian attacks.

FDD Summary 1683 -- Contains Japanese study, with figures, of entire field of grain trade in Communist China.

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Enclosures:

1. Statistical Report on FDD Operations
2. Details of Personnel Actions

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